

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

**Dale W. Malik**Serial No. **10/686,348**Filing Date: **2003-10-14**Confirmation No.: **7196**Group Art Unit: **2152**Examiner: **Tauqir Hussain**Docket No. **030223; 190250-1330**For: **AUTOMATICALLY REPLYING TO INSTANT MESSAGING (IM) MESSAGES****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This information disclosure statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and specifically:

- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or  
(within Three months of filing national application or date of entry of international application, or before mailing date of first office action on merits, whichever occurs last)
- ☒ under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:  
☒ Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), or  
☐ a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or  
(After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before the final office action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)
- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97(d) together with a:  
☐ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), and  
☐ a \$180.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).  
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- ☒ Applicant(s) submit herewith *PTO/SB/08a - Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* together with copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may or may not be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. While a legible copy of each document required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a) is provided, copies may not be provided for documents in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

